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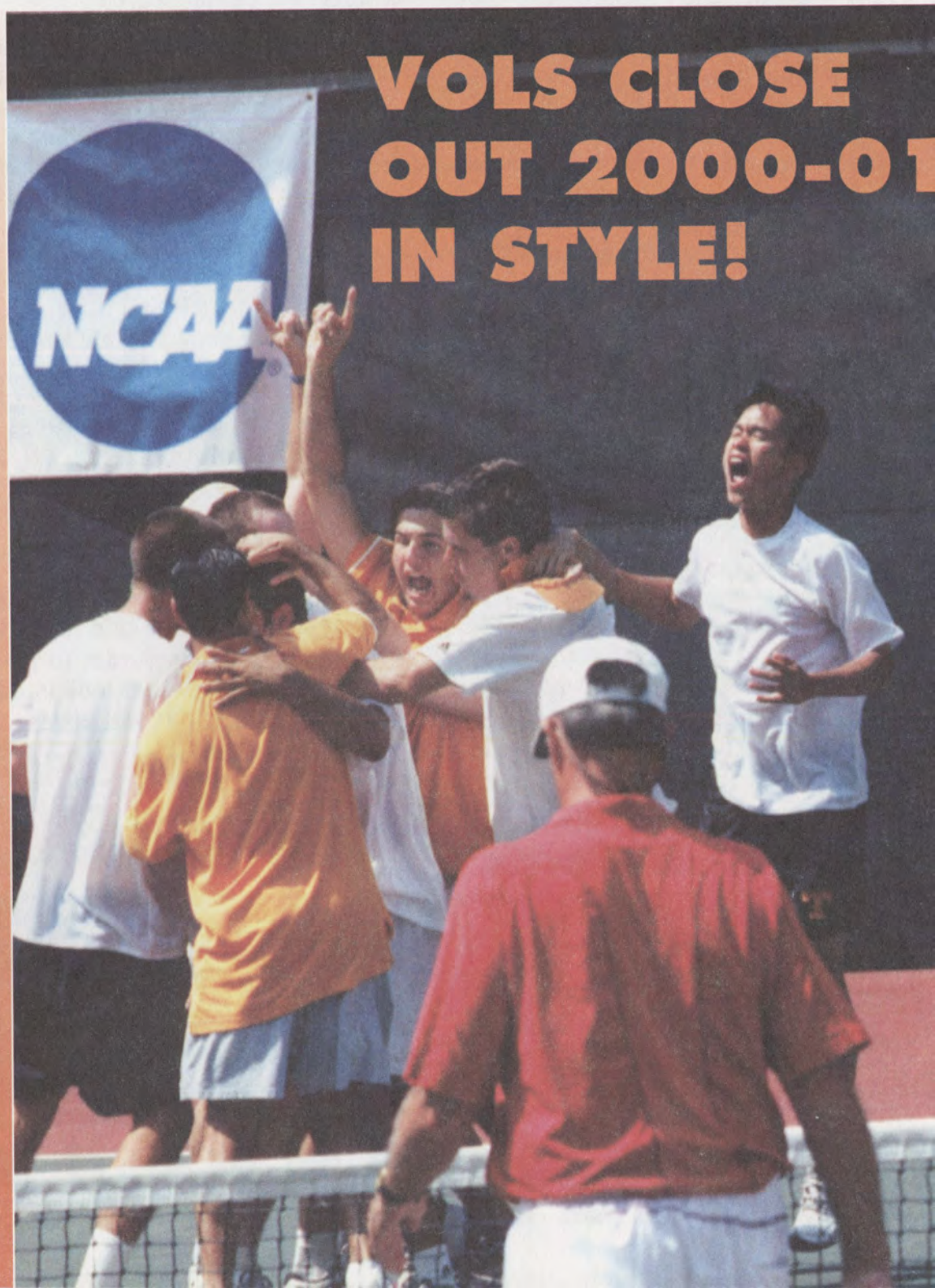

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
Summer 2001

Our organization is winding down its usual tasks during the summer, but with little fun thrown in. Our annual T-Club picnic at the farm of Keith McCord was held Saturday, June 9. We have traditionally been holding this event in conjunction with our Spring Weekend, but the flurry of activities that surround the Orange and White football game was proving to be too much of a detriment in achieving the attendance we knew was possible. Due to a brilliant suggestion by our fearless matriarch, Judy Constantine, it turned out to be a resounding success.

More than 150 people were in attendance. Letterman from as far away as Florida enjoyed a beautiful day filled with laughter, overblown past exploits and delicious barbecue. The day began as early as 10 a.m. for some and ended well past the dinner hour. A few notable arrivals included coaches Mike Fancutt (men's tennis), Myrtle Ferguson (women's track), our incoming President Wendell Anderson and a busload of energetic youngsters and the ever-present Col. Gene Moeller, still occasionally barking at a letterman or two.

Okay, here are a few notes to remember for next years picnic:

1. Wendell still cannot swim. Do not let him near the lake.
2. No matter how fast you paddle a canoe with your two nieces, there is no way you are going to catch the ducks, and do not let them convince you otherwise.
3. Rusty Ensor on a horse does bring to mind Howdy Doody on steroids.
4. Gordon Polofsky likes barbecue chicken. And pork. And beans. And slaw. And desert. Several times around.
5. Remember, Col. Moeller never gets to take off his shirt, no matter how good he thinks he looks! Please.

By now, I guess you folks get the drift. This has become a great event. As the saying goes, we have been able to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat by moving this event away from the Spring Weekend and have tripled our attendance. This is the one event that we encourage our members to bring their friends, family hitchhikers, etc. to in order to get a sense of our family. No matter when or what you played, those from the outside that look in on an event like this will realize that not only were you part of something special, but will always remain in the family of Orange.

Go Vols.

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For the last ten years, East Tennessee Children's Hospital has sponsored a camp for children of all ages who have been affected with cancer. A child can qualify for the camp and return year after year if they have cancer, or are in remission. This year the camp was held the week of June 4-8 and all the children, nurses, physicians and support staff left Knoxville and headed up to Wesley Woods in Townsend for a week of fun. This year the children's hospital decided to end their week of fun with a UT theme party. To the counselors, there was not a better way to end the week then to have some Vols and Lady Vols visit the camp.

The UT theme party was held on Thursday June 7 and 12 of our athletes joined in on all the fun. There were 80 different youngsters who truly enjoyed the visit by the "Volunteers". The party was kicked off with a pep-rally from our cheerleaders. There were orange and white shakers, orange and blue snow cones, orange and white cotton candy, a sundae-building contest, along with an autograph session. Most importantly our athletes had plenty of quality time to spend with the children.

Our athletes "were first class" according to Cindy Cruisenclause that arranged the event. The "Volunteers" were great representatives and inspirations to all the children. One little boy told Ashley Robinson that "this was the best night of my entire life," which had a tremendous impact on Ashley. The following are the volunteers who attended the UT theme party:

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW . . .

VOLS COMPLETE 00-01 CAMPAIGN

The Spring of 2001 will be remembered for quite a while in the Hills of East Tennessee as Volunteer fans were delighted by the accomplishments of the men's track and field squad, which won the national championship, while the tennis squad finished second in the country to conference foe Georgia, the diamond Vols made a run at the College World Series falling to eventual national champion Miami, and our swimming and diving team finished third in the country while claiming several individual national crowns.

Not to be outdone, the golf team made its way to the NCAA tournament in Corvalis, Ore., and basketball marked a milestone in school history with its fourth consecutive NCAA appearance. Then there was the football squad making it's sixth straight New Year's Day showing and 12th consecutive bowl game, a school record.

The Vols made this past year one to remember for a fan of any sport and we have recapped each one of them, leading with Coach Bill Webb and his national champions.

Tennessee's track and field team captured its third national crown, and first since 1991, at the famed Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., site of the 2001 NCAA National Championship. Nathan Kirkham photo.

TRACK & FIELD CLAIMS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Tennesseans once again made Rocky Top the pinnacle of collegiate track with a stellar outdoor season. Indeed, the academic majors of the Vol track and field squad vary widely, but all could have rated summa cum laude in history the spring of 2001 as the men in orange authored one of the greatest chapters in Tennessee lore. Tennessee dusted off the trophy case and, for the first time since 1991, added the two most highly sought crowns in collegiate track -- the NCAA Outdoor Championship and Southeastern Conference Outdoor Championship.

The persistent Volunteers, ranked fourth entering the meet, persevered through the highs and lows and surges and blows that pick off contending teams one by one at the NCAA Championships at historic Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. The tenacious performance by the Vols in the face of adversity justified head coach Bill Webb's selection as USTCA National Coach of the Year. The gritty Tennessee team hung around long enough to post 50 points, one ahead of TCU, to claim the NCAA Outdoor title in revered Tracktown, USA.

The Vols were propelled by a sparkling performance in the sprints. Freshman Justin Gatlin won the 100M dash and 200M dash, the first time a rookie has accomplished the feat since Auburn's Harvey Glance pulled the double in 1976. Likewise, Tennessee was aided by a second-place finish by the school-record 4x100M relay team (38.66) and a runner-up effort by Stephen Harris in the decathlon.

The Vols had other heroes, too. Sean Lambert and Leonard Scott stayed mentally tough for crucial points in the 100M dash and 200M dash, respectively. Additionally, Leigh Smith overachieved in the javelin for valuable points. Finally, the 4x400M relay team scrapped its way into the finals and gave Tennessee its final winning point.

The meet was different at the SEC Outdoor Championships in Columbia, S.C., but the victor proved to be the same. Tennessee racked up 153 points to outdistance second-place Florida by 45.5 points. The Vols became the only team to beat the Razorbacks of Arkansas at the SEC Outdoors since they joined the conference in 1992.

The Tennesseans rode victories by Scott (100M dash), Gatlin (200M dash), the 4x100M relay team, and Smith (javelin) to lay claim as the best in the Southland. More importantly, Tennessee filled its coffers with points in bunches courtesy of the trademark Vol depth across all events.

Flashes of brilliance glimmered throughout the outdoor season as the Vols continuously affirmed their top five ranking.

At the Penn Relays, the Vol shuttle hurdle relay team won in 54.73, just .33 of a second off the world record time. Tennessee won its nation-leading 12th Penn Relays shuttle hurdle relay title since 1966.

The Tennessee 4x200M relay team broke a 25-year-old school record and also laid waste to the Tom Black Track record and meet record with a stunning 1:20.90 finish at the Sea Ray Relays. Scott's 20.38 also set the Sea Ray Relay 200M dash record.

The Vols began the theme of improvement with a return to the top 10 with a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Indoors. Tennessee capitalized on its sprint power to score 19

points. Gatlin took fourth place in both the 60M dash and 200M dash to earn dual All-America honors. Scott took third in the 200M dash and managed a sixth-place finish in the 60M dash despite spending the night before in the hospital with kidney problems.

The SEC Indoor Championships proved to be another showcase for Tennessee's sprint corps as the Vols took third with 80 points. Scott, Gatlin and Lambert swept the top three positions in both the 60M dash and 200M dash, the first time a school has accomplished the feat in the history of the conference.

Tennessee raised the bar higher off the track, as well. As is custom, Tennessee led the conference with a record 21 selections to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. The Vols lead the SEC with 78 selections to the Academic Honor Roll in the Bill Webb era (1996-present). Additionally, the Vols made their presence known in the community. The Volunteers were as good as their nickname as they volunteered to coach Senior Olympians and help at the Race for the Cure, a race that celebrates breast cancer survivors.

TENNIS VOLS FINISH SECOND NATIONALLY

Tennessee's tennis squad moved another step closer to the ultimate goal of bringing a national title back to Knoxville, as the Vols surprised No.1 Stanford on their way to the NCAA Finals in Athens, Ga., where they lost to SEC foe Georgia. But all was not lost as they completed a remarkable campaign.

As a result the Tennessee tennis team finished off a successful season ranked No. 4 in the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings released Friday. The top five finish was the Vols second straight and their fourth all-time (1987-3rd, 1990-2nd and 2000-3rd). The ranking was also the Vols 23rd final top 25 finish since 1970. The Vols, who finished the season with a 23-6 record, return five starters next season including three players ranked in the final ITA poll.

Leading the Vols in the individual rankings was senior Mark Parsons, with a No. 22 ranking. Parsons, who played No. 1 singles for the Vols this season, capped off a 23-21 campaign by winning three of of his final four matches against top 20 opponents. Parsons also collected his second career singles title this season at the Milwaukee Invitational. Peter Handoyo followed Parsons at No. 24. Handoyo, a junior, capped off an All-America season with a team-leading 38-10 record. Fellow junior Mario Toledo finished a fantastic first season with the Vols with a No. 32 national ranking. Toledo ended the season with an impressive five match win streak in the NCAA tournament, including four wins over nationally-ranked opponents. Junior Adam Carey finished the season ranked No. 54. Carey was 30-18 on the season and made it to the second round of his first NCAA individual tournament appearance. Senior Paul Podbury ended a great career with the Vols, ranked No. 100. Podbury finished his senior season with 27-10 record and a singles title at the inaugural UT Fall Classic.

The Vols were also represented in the final rankings with two doubles tandems. The duo of Carey and Parsons finished up ranked No. 18. The pair was 24-12 on the season and lead the Vols in doubles clinching points on the season. The tandem of Handoyo and junior Andy Crews ended the season ranked No. 37. The pair were 21-10 on the season and collected their second ever doubles title at last fall's Kingsport invitational.

Outland Trophy winner John Henderson decided to stick around for his senior season at Tennessee, passing up millions to honor a commitment to his mother.

AFTER 2-3 START VOLS RALLY FOR NEW YEAR'S BOWL BIRTH

Facing big holes on both sides of the ball due to graduation and early exits to the professional ranks by several key players from the 1999 season, the Vols struggled early in the year, but found the right stuff in midseason to win their last six regular season games and finish 8-4. It was a feat that seemed unlikely when a 2-3 record Oct. 7 stared head coach Phillip Fulmer and his charges squarely in the face. It was rewarded by a bid to play Kansas State in the 2001 Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl, the first meeting between the two teams and the Vols' fifth appearance in the Dallas Classic.

The Vols' resurgence can be traced to two factors: maturity and leadership. At least that's what Fulmer thought about the progress of his team.

"At nearly every position on the team," Fulmer said, "youngsters emerged and blossomed under the excellent tutelage of our assistant coaches."

But there was more, in the coach's opinion, a tribute to the team's captains.

"The team was encouraged and pushed along by the leadership of one of the best trios of captains I've ever been associated with in my coaching career. They don't come any better than Eric Westmoreland, David Leaverton and Cedrick Wilson, a group that takes special pride in wearing the orange shirt."

When Tennessee wrapped up the 2000 season with a heart-stopping 28-26 victory over Vanderbilt on the banks of the Cumberland River at Adelphia Stadium in Nashville, it was almost forgotten that the Vols were in a tenuous position in terms of wins and losses entering the always crucial game with Alabama.

The Vols were coming off consecutive losses at LSU and Georgia and there was concern about what the next six games might hold. No one said the Vols were at a crossroads, but you do get the idea.

That the Vols came off the mat is a tribute to resiliency of this year's team, its coaching staff and players. The six-game winning streak is now the longest in the Southeastern Conference and presages hope for the future, specifically the 2001 campaign beginning next September. It was a team effort, Fulmer, still the nation's winningest active coach at 84-18,

a winning percentage of .824, said.

"It might have been tempting for some of our players to give up when things wouldn't fall into place early in the season," Fulmer said. "The captains would have none of it. They set a standard of excellence and settled for nothing less, first in their own play and then as leaders for the rest of the squad."

AQUA VOLS FINISH THIRD NATIONALLY

The Tennessee swimming and diving team turned in one of the most successful regular season campaigns in recent memory. The Volunteers successfully navigated a harrowing dual-meet and invitational meet schedule to produce an 11-0 record. The undefeated record is the program's 14th since 1968 and the 11 wins is the most since 1988. UT won nine dual-meets over opponents that finished among the top 20 in the country.

The Vols kicked off the season by playing host to the SEC East Dual-Meet Extravaganza. The Vols came out of the meet with a 4-0 record as they scored a victory against each one of the opponents. Tennessee defeated Virginia and Dartmouth in the early part of the season and also produced a dominating performance to take the team title at the Princeton Invitational. After an outstanding start, the Vols caught fire in January. The Vols opened the new year with a win over Arizona State at home. The next day, the Vols produced a dramatic, final-event, come-from-behind victory over top-ranked Texas. The Volunteers then traveled to the Lone Star State to compete in the prestigious Dallas Morning News Classic. Tennessee won the team title over the likes of Auburn, Minnesota and SMU and Michael Gilliam was named as the outstanding swimmer of the meet. Tennessee finished off the month of January with a dominating win over Louisville. The Volunteers finished their preparations for the championship portion of the season with their eighth-straight win over Florida and their 32nd win over Kentucky in 35 meets.

The Tennessee swimming and diving squad claimed second place at the 2001 Southeastern Conference Swimming and Diving Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala. After leading the first two days of competition, the Vols fell into second on day three and finished with the 12th runner-up finish in school history. The week was highlighted by an American Record, two SEC records, four relay titles and four individual championships.

The Volunteers began the 2001 Southeastern Conference Championships in grand fashion. The Volunteers set an American Record in the 200 medley relay to open up the meet. The foursome of Gilliam, Jeremy McDonnell, Justin Hoggatt and Brent Owen posted a time of 1:25.37 to establish American, SEC and school records. The Vols owned the previous American Record of 1:25.76 which was set at the 1997 SEC Championships by Craig Gilliam, Jeremy Linn, Jeff Elder and Adam Engle. The SEC record of 1:25.59 was also the school record as the UT relay of Gilliam, McDonnell, Raphael Thuin and Owen had won the SEC title last season.

Vol senior and co-captain Michael Gilliam was named as the swimming performer of the meet. The Nashville native won his third-straight SEC 100 backstroke title to equal the number of SEC 100 back titles won by his father, Steve (1968-1970). Gilliam also tied his own SEC 100 backstroke record of 46.37 on the lead-off leg of the 400 medley relay. Gilliam also finished second in the conference in the 100 freestyle and seventh in the 50 freestyle while pacing the UT medley and freestyle relays.

Gabi Chereches was named as the diving performer of the meet as he captured his third consecutive SEC platform diving title. The senior scored 638.35 points and outscored the field by 87 points. The native Romanian punctuated his performance with a final dive that received scores of perfect 10 from six of the seven judges. Chereches also finished 10th in the one-meter springboard event and second in the three-meter springboard event.

Fellow senior diver Shannon Roy won the SEC three-meter springboard title and also finished fifth in the one-meter diving event. The strong performance by UT's divers earned Dave Parrington the SEC Championships Diving Coach of the Meet award.

McDonnell, a junior, established himself as one of the top swimmers in the SEC with an impressive week. McDonnell captured the SEC 100 breaststroke title with a career-best time of 53.11 and also finished third in the conference in the 200 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley. He finished second in the conference in scoring for the meet as he contributed 52 points to the Vol effort.

In addition to the American record-setting 200 medley relay, Tennessee also took home SEC title in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays. The 800 freestyle relay victory was the school's first SEC title in the 800 free relay since 1976.

The Tennessee swimming and diving team wrapped up a successful season with an outstanding performance at the 2001 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in College Station, Texas. The Volunteers claimed a third-place team finish that ranks as head coach John Trembley's best and the program's best since 1978.

This year's squad of swimmers took their place in school history as several members set an American Record, finished undefeated in dual meets and third nationally.

The Volunteers scored a school-record 330.5 points during the three-day meet. School records were a theme for the weekend as the Vols broke five UT marks. Records were set in the 100 backstroke, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay, 200 medley relay and 400 medley relay. Overall, UT captured one NCAA gold medal, two NCAA silver medals and two NCAA bronze medals.

Gilliam paced the Vol attack as he had done all season. The Nashville native won his second NCAA 100 backstroke title and set a school record in that event with a time of 45.63 with his lead off leg of the 400 medley relay. Gilliam also recorded a sixth-place finish in the 100 freestyle and a seventh-place finish in the 50 freestyle. He won seven total All-America awards at the meet as he contributed to each of the school-record relays as well. Gilliam's total of 45 individual points was tops for UT and ranked 11th overall.

Chereches made the finals in each of the three-diving events with a top finish of fourth in the platform diving event. Chereches ranked 15th among individual scorers with 41 points contributed to the Vol effort. Roy reached the finals in the one and three-meter events with a high of third in the three-meter contest. The five finals produced by the pair were a best for Coach Parrington's powerhouse program.

While Gilliam, Chereches and Roy provided the senior leadership, the Vols' success was attributable to a combined team effort. Tennessee placed among the top seven in the nation in each of the five relay events with individuals producing their best efforts on relay legs.

DIAMOND VOLS COMPLETE SEASON WITH TRIP TO COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Behind a group of players that was picked to do no better than fourth in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division, the 2001 Tennessee Volunteers posted a dominant run through the NCAA Regionals, made two miraculous comebacks in the Super Regional versus East Carolina while becoming a fan favorite in Omaha, Neb., as they finished tied for third at the College World Series. With an overall record of 48-20 the Vols achieved a final national ranking of No. 4 by Collegiate Baseball, No. 5 by Baseball Weekly and No. 8 by Baseball America.

The squad was led by the SEC Player of the Year and National Player of the Year finalist in junior shortstop Chris Burke. The consensus All-America dominated SEC pitchers all year long as he paced the league in eight offensive categories, including being the only player to bat over .400 at .435. He also rewrote the Tennessee record book by becoming UT's all-time leader in eight categories, including hits, runs scored, singles, doubles and triples, as well as establishing six single-season standards. His 105 runs scored broke the SEC record, while he finished one hit shy of the conference mark for hits in a season with 118. Burke's 221 total bases were the second-highest total in league history as well. He was named to all-tournament teams at the SEC Tournament, the NCAA Knoxville Regional and the College World Series. The two-time Academic All-SEC honoree capped off his spectacular season by being the 10th pick in the first round of the draft by the Houston Astros.

Freshman right-hander Patrick Hicklen helped anchor the Vol pitching staff en route to an NCAA World Series appearance. Elizabeth Olivier photo.

Speaking of the draft, a total of seven Vols were selected in Major League Baseball's free agent draft. Junior pitcher Wyatt Allen, who led the conference in strikeouts, was chosen by the Chicago White Sox with the No.39 choice, as a sandwich pick between the first and second round. Allen led the Vols with a 10-3 mark and was named the NCAA Knoxville Regional MVP after posting a career-high 14 strikeout performance against Middle Tennessee, outdueling All-America and the No. 3 pick in the draft Dewon Brazleton. Other Tennessee players selected included outfielder Jeff Christensen (5th round-New York Yankees), infielder Stevie Daniel (6th round-Chicago White Sox), pitcher Justin Parker (18th round-Atlanta Braves), pitcher Brian Gates (28th round-Minnesota Twins) and third baseman Kris Bennett (30th round-Philadelphia Phillies).

Tennessee began the 2001 campaign with five consecutive victories and bolted out to its best start ever at 26-3. The club reached the 40-win mark in back-to-back seasons for the first time since posting five consecutive 40-win campaigns from 1993-97. It was the eighth 40-win season in school history.

Another signature of the gutsy Vols was their performance in close games. They posted an unblemished 14-0 record in games decided by two-runs or less, including an 8-0 mark in one-run games. Tennessee also had a flair for the dramatic, posting 10 last at-bat wins, including four in conference play and two in the Super Regional against East Carolina to advance to the College World Series.

Making it first appearance in Omaha since 1995, the Vols faced off against the No. 1 Miami Hurricanes in the opener. The game quickly turned into a slugfest as the Hurricanes bolted out a 9-1 lead. But the Vols mounted a serious rally as they closed the gap to 12-10 in the sixth, but that would be as close as they would get as Miami took the game 21-13 in the longest nine-inning game in CWS history at 4-hours and 21-minutes.

Behind Bennett's record setting 6-for-6, seven RBI performance, Tennessee staved off elimination as it defeated Georgia 19-12 to live another day. The six hits compiled by Bennett established a CWS record for hits in a game, while the seven RBI tied the record. Christensen also scored five runs to tie another CWS mark. Once again, the Vols played another slugfest as the game was tied 11-11 after five innings. After taking a 13-11 lead in the seventh, an inside-the-park home run by Burke and a two-run home run by Javi Herrera capped a five-run eighth as the Vols added three more in the ninth for the win.

Playing their second elimination game in as many days against the USC Trojans, Tennessee sent Allen to hill for his second start in the CWS. Allen responded from the shortest start of his career against Miami by dazzling

the audience as he held the mighty Trojans to two runs on six hits in eight innings to send the Vols to rematch with the undefeated Hurricanes. Christensen and Ryan Case each homered while driving in four and three runs respectively as Tennessee won 10-2

Knowing they had to defeat Miami twice to advance to the national championship against Stanford, the Vols quickly built a 4-0 lead after three innings against the Hurricanes. That lead was short lived though as Miami broke the game open with a seven-run fourth en route to a 12-6 win. Miami went on to defeat the Cardinal in the title game, while Tennessee finished tied for third with Cal State Fullerton.

Three Vols, Bennett, Burke and Christensen, were all named to the 55th annual College World Series team.

LINKSTERS END SEASON WITH NCAA APPEARANCE

The University of Tennessee men's golf team saw the 2000-2001 season as one mixed with success and disappointment. The highlights of the year were Tennessee winning its first tournament title since 1998 and qualifying for its second consecutive NCAA Regional.

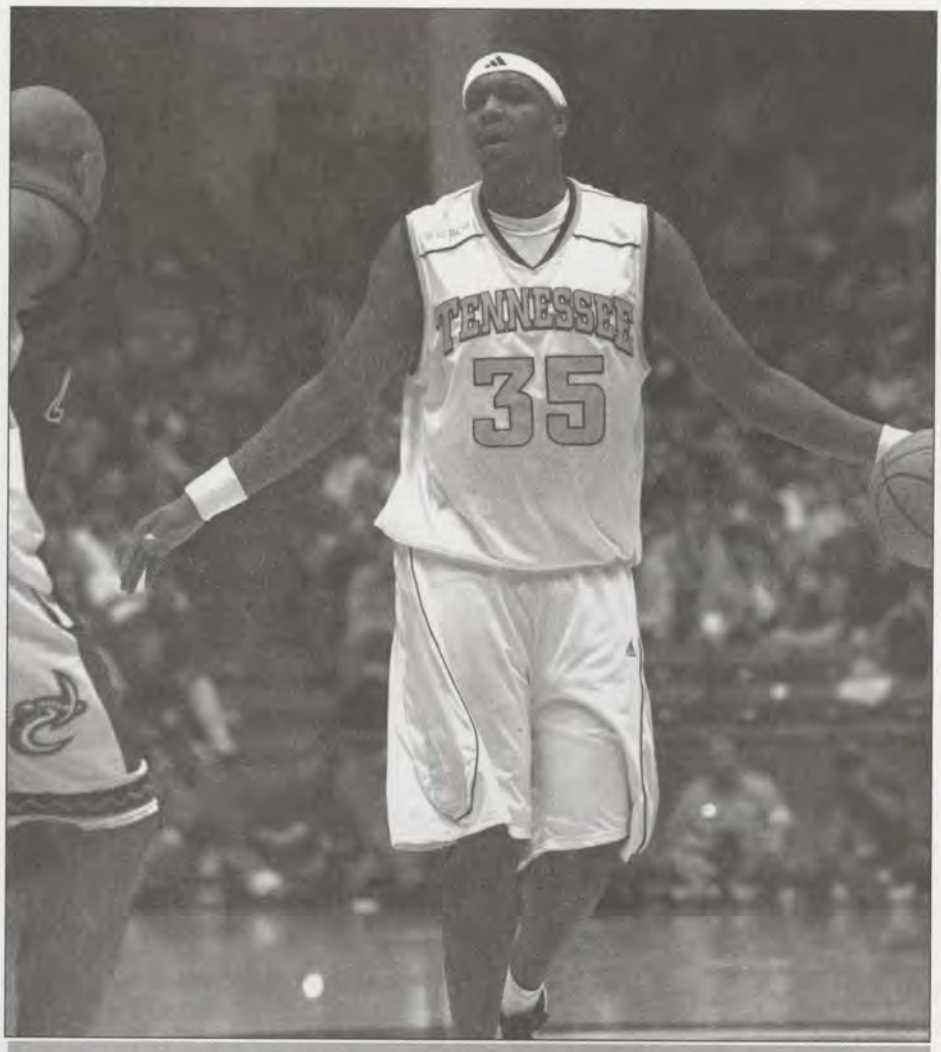
This years squad was comprised of one senior, three juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen. Head coach Jim Kelson looked to senior Andy Brimer to provide leadership for a team that was mainly made of underclassmen.

The Tennessee men's golf team won its first tournament since 1998 at the rain shortened Louisiana Classics Intercollegiate with scores of 279-293--572. The golfers have also recorded two other top five finishes this year with a third place finish at the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions and a second place finish at the Beau Rivage College Classic.

Brimer led the Vols with four top ten finishes and has the lowest stroke average (73.17). Brimer was selected as the SEC Player of the week after a seventh place finish at the Augusta State Invitational. Sophomore Andrew Pratt has recorded the most rounds of par or better with 14.

The Vols next competed in the always challenging SEC Championships. This year the tournament was held at Sea Island Golf Club in Sea Island, Ga. The Vols finished midfield at sixth place with scores of 289-292-298--879. Jason Powell was the top finisher for the Vols, finishing 17th. He had scores of 72-73-73--218.

On May 8, the Vols were chosen to compete in an NCAA Regional for the second consecutive year. The destination for the Vols was Corvallis, Ore., and the West Regional.



Ron Slay handles the basketball during NCAA Tournament action, as the Vols played in a school-record fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament. Elizabeth Olivier photo.

UT failed to qualify for the NCAA Championships, finishing 21st. The Vols had scores of 297-316-301--914. Leading the way for Tennessee was Brimer, who was playing in his last tournament as a Vol. He had scores of 73-78-73--224 to finish tied for 49th.

The Tennessee squad will lose only one member for the 2001-02 season in Brimer. Coach Kelson was very proud of the effort he put forth in his final season.

"Individually we had some fine performances highlighted by our senior, Andy Brimer, being named second team All-SEC," Kelson said. We were extremely proud of the way Andy performed for us all season long."

The Vols will look to improve upon their finish this year as the team will return mostly intact with the exception of Brimer. Kelson has also added five freshman that he is very excited about having on the team.

Kelson has already set two main goals for the Vols next season: to be one of the top three teams in the SEC, as well as one of the top 15 teams in the country. For the first time in several years he feels these are very realistic and achievable goals.

BUZZ PETERSON IS SET TO LEAD THE VOLS IN 2001-02

In their four years at the University of Tennessee, Tony Harris, Charles Hathaway and Isiah Victor, presided over perhaps the most successful period in school history. The trio, who comprised the Class of 2001, led the Vols to a 22-11 overall record and their fourth appearance in the NCAA Tournament in as many seasons. Along the way, the Vols tied their highest national ranking in school history and won the Rainbow Classic.

With Harris, Hathaway and Victor in the lineup Tennessee achieved some of its greatest success ever. During their four seasons

on "The Hill," the trio won more games (89) than any other senior class at Tennessee. They posted four consecutive 20-win seasons and made four-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament. Together, they averaged 22.25 wins per season when the school record for most wins in a season was just 22 when they arrived on campus.

The three seniors began their final campaign strong, winning their first nine games of the season and posting the most wins (13) in school history by Jan. 1. The non-conference season was highlighted by a home win over No. 18 Wisconsin and road wins at West Virginia and 12th-ranked Syracuse before heading to Hawaii for the Rainbow Classic. There, Tennessee defeated George Washington in the first round and Iowa in the second round to face Hawaii in the championship game. Behind a 16-point effort by all-tournament selection Ron Slay, the Vols knocked off the Rainbows 69-58 to take their first in-season tournament championship since 1988. Harris was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament after averaging 14.7 points, 4.3 assists and 3.3 rebounds in UT's three games.

After opening the season ranked ninth in the Associated Press poll, the Vols steadily climbed to No. 4 in the Dec. 11 poll. In all, Tennessee spent four weeks at two different times at the No. 4 position during the 2000-01 season. The No. 4 ranking tied for the highest national ranking in school history. The Vols were also ranked fourth in the Jan. 16, 1968 Associated Press poll.

For the fourth time in the senior's careers, the Vols received an invitation to the NCAA Tournament. Playing Conference USA Tournament champion Charlotte in the first round, the Vols fell 70-63. Tennessee's streak of four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances is the 12th-longest active streak in the nation and the second longest in school history. The most consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances in school history is five in a row from 1979-83. North Carolina's current streak of 27 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances easily leads the nation.

Junior forward Vincent Yarbrough led the Vols in scoring (13.9 ppg), rebounding (7.4 rpg) and steals (1.7 spg) while ranking among the top 12 in the Southeastern Conference in five statistical categories. Slay, a sophomore forward, established himself as one of the best sixth-men in the nation, coming off the bench to average 12.9 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Sophomore Jon Higgins proved to be one of the most consistent players in the SEC by setting a school record and leading the league in three-point field goal percentage (49.5). The Shaker Heights, Ohio, native also led the league in assist-to-turnover ratio with 2.35 assists for every turnover.

Following the season Yarbrough was a second team All-SEC selection by the Associated Press and the league's coaches in addition to earning first team NABC All-District 7 accolades. Slay, who was called the best sixth-man in the country by ESPN announcer Dick Vitale, earned third team all-conference honors.

Jerry Green, who was 89-36 in his four seasons at Tennessee, announced his resignation shortly after the end of the season. Green, who had a career record of 311-214 in 18 seasons as a head coach, finished his career fifth on UT's wins list.

On April 4, Tennessee athletics director Doug Dickey announced the hiring of Buzz Peterson as the 16th head coach in school history. Peterson came to Tennessee from the University of Tulsa where he led the Golden Hurricane to a 26-11 record and a National Invitation Tournament championship this past season. In five seasons as a head coach he has recorded a 105-50 career record that includes a 79-39 mark in four seasons at Appalachian State.

CROSS COUNTRY LEARNS FROM 2000

The Vol cross country squad endured a tough season with the departure of five All-SEC performers from 1999 and some unexpected redshirt seasons from its remaining corps of runners. However, the Vols who donned the orange uniforms gritted out a season that saw some highlights and chiseled a solid foundation for future success.

Tennessee was led by most valuable runner Marcus Tanner, Eric Bell and Rob Cloutier, as each led the orange and white pack during the season. Scott DeFilippis, Vince Dressel, Paul Hallman, Keith Kimmons and Clay Wiggins also earned letter awards for their contributions to the Tennessee cause.

The Vols took first place at the Tennessee Intercollegiate to open the season as the best in the state. Tennessee took second of 15 teams at the Greensboro Invitational in North Carolina. However, the seventh-place finish at the SEC Championships made for a down day for the men in Orange. Like true Volunteers, the Tennesseans bounced back to finish fifth of 19 teams at the always challenging NCAA South Regionals.

Tanner won All-SEC and All-Region honors for his strong late-season races, as well as barely missing qualifying for the NCAA Championships as an individual. Hallman also took home All-Region honors as a true freshman. Tennessee was forced to throw the youngsters into the fires of competition early. Despite the growing pains, the tactic should prove valuable as the more seasoned Vols look to the 2001 campaign.

—Volunteers Magazine

SMOKEY IS TOP DOG

The University of Tennessee also watched a successful spirit program propel the Vols name to the top as Smokey, Jason Vicars, captured the Universal Cheer Association national championship in January in Orlando, Fla., at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex. It was Tennessee's second straight national crown from the famous costumed blue tick coon hound. The cheer and dance squads also finished in the top ten nationally for the third straight year. Dance finished 10th, Cheer also finished 10th.

2001 PEYTON MANNING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER NAMED . . .

KIMBERLY ANNE CAMPBELL THE RECIPIENT

Kimberly Anne Campbell, a graduate of Union City High School, has been named the 2001 recipient of the Peyton Manning Scholarship, awarded annually since 1998 to a first-year student who will participate in UT's Honors Program. Dr. Tom Broadhead, Director of the UT Honors Program, and Peyton Manning made the presentation in ceremonies at the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center just in front of the "Peyton Manning Study Area."

"I was proud to begin the Peyton Manning Scholarship four years ago," Manning said. "All of the recipients have been first-class people and I have met all of them. That's something I've taken a lot of pride in. I don't like to put my name on something and not be a part of it. I appreciate Kim and her family coming up here from West Tennessee today. Her credentials are impressive and she is a good person as well. She'll make this University a better place."

"I am excited about starting college at UT this fall with the Manning Scholarship," Campbell said. "Not only is it an amazing award, but it is also a great honor to be given the award by Peyton Manning himself. That was exciting. He is an incredibly inspirational person and I think it is wonderful that he has chosen to give something back to the University in this manner."

Campbell, who earned a 4.0 GPA during her high school career, is president of DECA and the Spanish Club and secretary of the French and Beta Clubs. She is also involved in Junior Civitan, Chamber of Youth in Community Service and the Drama Club. She was also involved in the National LOGOS Conference, an area wide Youth Revival and "Operation Christmas Child." She has won the Principal's Leadership Award, was voted by her classmates as Who's Who "Most Intelligent," was selected by the faculty as one of 20 "Senior Superlatives," and has made the Academic Top 10 and First Honor Roll each year at Union City. She participated in "Odyssey of the Mind" and has won a Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. The Kiwanis Club of Union City named her Union City High School's Student of the Year. She is also a Rotary Exchange Student.

She is the daughter of Damon and Evalyn Campbell of Union City.

"As an excellent student and leader in her school and community, Kim has demonstrated many of the same personal goals and attributes that distinguished Peyton Manning in his years at UT," Dr. Broadhead, Director of the UT Honors Program, said. "We look forward to the many potential ways in which Kim will bring a positive influence to this campus. The Peyton Manning Scholarship has again helped to attract young scholars to UT and reward a truly outstanding graduate of Tennessee's high schools."

Peyton Manning (left) presented Kim Campbell (center) with a plaque honoring her as the 2001 recipient as Dr. Tom Broadhead assist in the presentation. Donnell Field photo.

The scholarship is funded from gifts to the University garnered from Manning's academic awards, the UT Athletic Department's corporate matching grants program and other private gifts. Manning's four-year career at UT (1994-97) produced a number of awards that generated $165,000 in scholarship funds. Among the awards were the Burger King-Vincent dePaul Draddy National Scholar Athlete of the Year, the Davey O'Brien Foundation Award and the American Honda Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The Manning Scholarship covers the costs of tuition, room and board. The award is granted to a first-year student on the basis of academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Previous winners of the Peyton Manning Scholarship were:

Hampton Andrew Holcomb, Jr. (2000)
Evangelical Christian School
Memphis, Tennessee

Rebekah Ann Capps (1999)
Christ Presbyterian Academy
Nashville, Tennessee

Jay Stephen Burns (1998)
Greeneville High School
Bulls Gap, Tennessee

NEWS & NOTES . . .

VOLS MEET PRESIDENT BUSH

As Tennessee's opening game against Miami was set to begin at the 2001 College World Series, the Vols added one more memorable moment for their Omaha scrapbook.

Head coach Rod Delmonico, along with UT players Chris Burke and Javi Herrera, had the opportunity to meet President George W. Bush prior to the CWS opener between Tulane and Stanford at Rosenblatt Stadium. Bush's father, former president George Bush, played in the first two College World Series as a first baseman and captain at Yale.

Bush, who became the first active president to attend the annual event, opened college's baseball showcase by throwing out the ceremonial first pitch to Stanford catcher Ryan Garko.

"I told him I hoped to have the opportunity to see him again," said Delmonico, referring to a possible White House visit following a national championship. "It was a real honor and I know our players really enjoyed it. I had never met a president before."

Bush met briefly with the coach and two players from each of the eight participating teams at Omaha shortly before throwing out the first pitch. The president stayed to watch a few innings of the Tulane-Stanford contest and made his way up to the press box for a few minutes of commentary on ESPN.

PHILLIP FULMER GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES RECORD AMOUNT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

The 2001 Phillip Fulmer Golf Tournament, held May 11 at Knoxville's Willow Creek Golf Course, raised more than $100,000 ($100,203.37) for the benefit of the Knoxville Boys and Girls Clubs, the most money raised in the event's 20-year history.

"It was another great tournament for a great cause, helping the kids across our community who are served by the Knoxville area Boys and Girls Clubs," said UT head coach Phillip Fulmer. "We had tremendous support by our sponsors and participants, and it was just an exciting day at the golf course. I'm proud to be associated with this event."

In its history, this tournament has helped the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Knoxville help thousands of area youth. This year alone more than 3,700 children will be touched by one of the Knoxville area's 10 Boys and Girls Clubs. In communities throughout the area, children are often left to find their own recreation and companionship. In fact, an increasing number of "latch key kids" are at home a large portion of the day with no adult care or supervision. The Boys and Girls Clubs provide a place for children to be with other youth their own age and participate in recreational, educational and social activities.

Several former Vols participated in the event, including Shazzon Bradley, Dick Williams, Ed Bailey, Chris Wampler, Jason Amonette, and Steve Kiner. Also in the field were coaches John Chavis and Randy Sanders. Fulmer spent his day hitting shots with the participants as he oversaw the day's activities.

Coca-Cola presented the Phillip Fulmer Golf Classic. Sponsors included Pilot Corporation, Cherokee Distributing, Kroger, TIS Insurance Services, and TDS Telecom/U.S. Cellular. Media sponsors were Comcast, The Knoxville News-Sentinel and Lamar Advertising. Calhoun's provided lunch. In-kind sponsors were adidas and Schering-Plough. The official car was Lexus of Knoxville.

FORMER UT VOLLEYBALL PLAYER LAUREN CLAYTON NAMED ASSISTANT AT RADFORD

Former Lady Vol volleyball player Lauren Clayton (Knoxville, Tenn./Central) and a UT grad was appointed as the first assistant coach at Radford University and will join the bench of first-year head coach Chad Callahan. Clayton played in Knoxville for head coach Rob Patrick from 1997-1999.

Radford finished its 2000 season with a 28-7 overall record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history. One of the Highlanders' seven losses came at the hands of the Lady Vols with Clayton, who served as practice player while she finished her degree, sitting in the stands. Clayton also provided color commentary for three Lady Vol matches broadcast on Comcast Sports Southeast in 2000. Callahan replaces veteran coach Jerry Pruitt, who retired at the end of the season. Callahan had served as Pruitt's assistant for the two previous years.

Clayton graduated in December of 2000 with a degree in recreation and tourism management. While at UT, she was a three-time Academic All-SEC honoree and amassed 374 digs. Clayton will begin her tenure with the Highlanders on July 30. Ironically, Tennessee will face Radford on the court on Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. a match that is part of the 2001 Toyota of Knoxville Lady Vol Classic.

FORMER VOL BOBBY CIFERS PASSES AWAY

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 7, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kingsport, for Robert G. (Bobby) Cifers, an outstanding athlete at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport and the University of Tennessee in the late 1930s and early 1940s, who died July 1 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Cifers, who followed brothers Bill and Ed to UT, was the NCAA punting champion in 1942, with 37 punts for 1586 yards and a 42.9-yard average.

After his time at UT and a stint in World War II, he played professionally for the Detroit Lions (1944-46), Pittsburgh Steelers (1947-48), and the Green Bay Packers (1949).

He was a seven-time TSSAA champion during his prep career at DB, winning the shot put (1940), long jump (1939), and discus (1940), as well as the 200-yard low hurdles and 120-yard high hurdles in 1939 and 1940. He was also a member of three state champion DB track teams.

He scored 235 points on the gridiron as a junior to lead the nation in 1938, breaking a national scoring record in the process, and added 164 points as a senior in 1939, also leading the nation. He had 490 points for his career, still a DB record. He was captain of the 1938 Tennessee All-State team and the 1939 All Mid-South team.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law Ed and Catherine Cifers of Knoxville and sisters Lucille Roller of Kingsport and Winefred Burns of Rochester, N.Y.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

ROBINSON HAS ACL SURGERY

University of Tennessee Lady Vol sophomore center Ashley Robinson underwent surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee. Dr. William T. Youmans, team orthopedist, performed the surgery at the UT Medical Center.

"Dr. Youmans reconstructed the ACL in her left knee," said Jenny Moshak, UT Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine. "He found the meniscus intact but did perform a lateral release to address Ashley's history of patella subluxation/dislocation. On occasion, Ashley experienced some problems with that knee this past season," explained Moshak.

The 6'5" center will begin rehabilitation tomorrow and is expected to be sidelined several months. "We anticipate that Ashley will be in a practice-play situation in 4-5 months," said Moshak.

Robinson, a native of Grand Prairie, Texas (South Grand Prairie H.S.), injured the knee on June 30 while participating in a three-on-three drill at the Pat Head Summitt Basketball Camp while driving to the basket for a left-handed lay-up. As a rookie last season, Robinson played in all 34 contests (nine starts) and averaged 8.9 ppg and 5.3 rpg while blocking a team-leading 51 shots.

LADY VOL ATHLETIC SPOTLIGHT. . .
YOUNG-A YANG

Her progression has helped make the plight of the Lady Vol program more than a mere coincidence. Coming into the 2000-2001 season she was a player of unknown caliber, not having to carry a team that had already made the NCAA tournament field in its past two seasons. This year would be different. This year she would be asked to carry the load of leader, both on and off the course. She is just 19, and by the way she is over 10,000 miles from her family and her native home, Tae-Gu City, South Korea.

Yet Young-A Yang has found a way to succeed in an unfamiliar environment. She has forged a strong, tough edge that helps her in a country vastly different in everything she grew accustomed to.

She has just completed her junior year with an outstanding individual performance at the NCAA Championships in Florida, where she improved her score each day on her way to an All-America campaign as she finished fifth at the NCAA Championships based upon scores of 75, 73, 71, 69 for an even-par 288, which is the best finish and score by a Lady Vol in school history. She became the first Lady Vol golfer to earn first team All-America honors by the National Golf Coaches Association.

"We had a pretty good year as a team up until the NCAAs," said Yang. "Tina Schneeberger, Carry (Caroline) Cole and Tai Perry, even as a freshman, stepped up for us, especially this spring. Everyone contributed."

Yang came to the University of Tennessee via Saddlebrook Academy in Wesley Chapel, Fla., where she was an Rolex All-America and was named to the Academy's dean's list.

She was looking at several universities, including Arizona and Florida before deciding on Tennessee. Part of the reason she chose Tennessee was its varying climate and a solid program.

"I realized when I go on tour, that is my goal, that I am not always going to have warm weather and that is my weakness. I am going to have to play in cold weather and I figured it would be nice to have that experience in college. But the other reason was the contributions that are made to the Lady Vol program and female athletes."

Yang has only been in the U.S. for a couple of years and has made some adjustments, and with each move she makes comes another adjustment. In this case, coming to a university the size of Tennessee.

"The biggest adjustment is the class size and getting help when I need it. In my high school there was probably 15 to 20 people per class and it was easier. Here it is a little more difficult."

Despite the adjustments Yang has made academic All-SEC in each of her three years as a Lady Vol.

This year she made her mark upon the program as participated in every tournament including having her score count in every round she played. Consistently ranked among the top-10 in both the *GolfWeek/Sagarin* ratings and MasterCard poll finishing the season ranked fifth by *GolfWeek* and fourth by MasterCard. Her career stroke average of 74.31 is first in school history by nearly two strokes. She finished tied for 10th at the SEC Championships and captured the first medalist honors of her career when she won the Betsy Rawls Intercollegiate. She also finished first at the SunTrust Lady Gator Invitational only to lose on the first hole of a playoff. Yang recorded a women's collegiate season-low 7-under 65 at the Bryan National Collegiate, and fired 13 rounds of par or better on the season giving her 27 for her career to occupy the top slot on the all-time list. She carded a career-low 212 at the GolfWorld Invitational, good enough for second on the all-time list, while finishing no lower than 11th in any tournament she has completed, including a span of five straight tournaments where she placed no lower than third. She was honored as the SEC's Player of the Week for March 16, 2001.

Yang finished the 2000-2001 campaign with All-SEC and All-America honors on her way to a 5th-place finish at the NCAAs.

Yang did discuss one of the biggest problems a golfer at the University of Tennessee has, which is no permanent golf course with which to practice on.

"During the school year the courses are nice and there is no real problem getting practice time. But in the summer, it is a problem, they can not let me practice because it would be an extra benefit. So it would be nice if I had a University course then I could practice as a student. In the summer I think about all that I have to do to practice and get better."

However this has not stopped Yang from succeeding.

"My stroke average is not that much different than high school, because the courses are similar in length, but I know that I have gotten stronger and can hit the ball father than I used to. But I have probably improved my short game the most."

Young-A Yang has made a perfect fit in to the Lady Vol golf program. Her continued improvement could mean good things for the program next fall. We'll let you know how she does.

—Donnell Field

YANG'S SCORECARD

YEAR	RNDS	STKS	AVG	LOW
2000-01	32	2338	73.06	65
1999-00	34	2555	75.15	71
1998-99	28	2092	74.71	70

2000-01

NCAA Fall Preview	77-72=149	t9th
Tar Heel Invitational	73-75-80=228	t11th
Mercedes-Benz	73-73-71=217	2nd
Golf World Invitational	69-68-75=212	3rd
SunTrust Lady Gator Invite	76-69-68=213	t1st^
Green Wave Women's Classic	79-79-WD	WD
Betsy Rawls Intercollegiate	74-73-71=218	1st
Bryan National Collegiate	80-65-69=214	3rd
SEC Championships	73-72-75=220	t10th
NCAA West Regional	76-68-77=221	t9th
NCAA Championships	75-73-71-69=288	5th

^ = lost in a playoff

COLLEGIATE QUICK FACTS

Rounds: 94
Strokes: 6985
Average: 74.31
Rounds of Par or Under: 27
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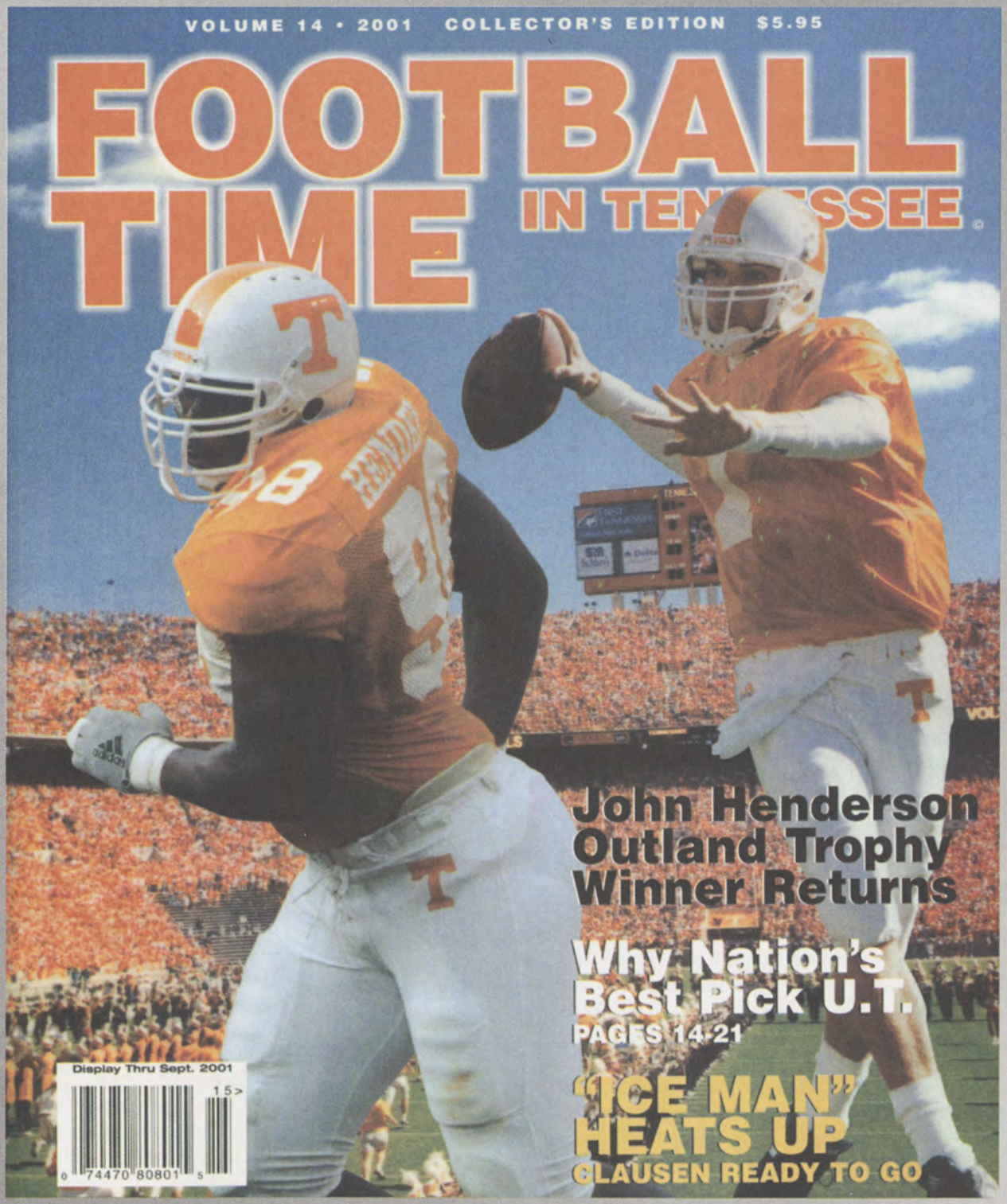

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VASF NEWS . . .

TICKET ASSIGNMENTS

We are in the process of assigning the ticket locations for the 2001 Football season. You can expect to receive a letter notifying you of any change that has been made in the assignment of your seats by the end of July. Any questions you have about your tickets can be directed to the VASF office, (865) 974-1218.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This year our annual VASF day will be held September 29, the day of the Tennessee- LSU football game. The festivities will begin 2 fi hours prior to kick-off, which has not yet been set. We will have food, games, and musical entertainment for you and your family to enjoy! Be watching for more information and details about VASF day as the date approaches.

VASF MISSION STATEMENT

"To Provide the Resources Necessary to Ensure University of Tennessee Student-Athletes the Opportunity to Achieve Their Maximum Academic and Athletic Potential"

AWAY GAME TICKETS

This year we were able to fill all of the orders for tickets to Arkansas, Florida, and Kentucky. Unfortunately we were not able to fill all of the orders for the Alabama and Notre Dame games. The good news about Alabama tickets is that this year we were able to fill more orders than we did the last time we traveled to Tuscaloosa to play.

To receive tickets to the Alabama game you needed to be a Trailblazer with a priority rank of 3125 or better. The Notre Dame game was the highest game we have had in demand since the Fiesta Bowl. In order to obtain tickets to the Notre Dame game you had to be in the Bronze Victor giving category or in the Mountaineer and Trailblazer categories with a rank of 500 or better.

We will be sending a letter notifying everyone who will be receiving a refund in the next few weeks. If you have questions about your away game tickets, please do not hesitate to contact the VASF office at (865) 974-1218.

GAME TIMES/ TV SCHEDULE

The game times and TV schedule have currently been set for five of the ten games on the 2001 football schedule.

Sept. 1	Syracuse @ Tennessee	4 pm ET	ESPN2
Sept. 8	Tennessee @ Arkansas	9 pm ET	ESPN2
Sept. 15	Tennessee @ Florida	3:30 pm ET	CBS
Nov. 3	Tennessee @ Notre Dame	1:30 pm ET	NBC
Nov. 24	Vanderbilt @ Tennessee	3:30 pm ET	CBS
Dec. 1	SEC Championship Atlanta, Georgia	8 pm ET	CBS

VASF COLLEGIATE CLUB

There will be a Welcome Back Barbeque for all returning VASF Collegiate club members and guests on Tuesday, August 21, at 6 pm. The barbeque will be held in Circle Park and there is not cost involved. Each member may bring up to two guests. Please RSVP to Laura Arnett at *larnett@utk.edu* or Jennifer Wiggins at *jwiggin2@utk.edu* or (865) 974-1218.

Wednesday, August 22, the VASF Collegiate Club will have its first meeting for all new and potential members at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in Thompson Boling Arena and Coach Buzz Peterson will be joining us. We will be accepting membership applications at this time. Membership in the VASF Collegiate Club is open to all students at the University of Tennessee.

IMPORTANT TICKET & PARKING INFORMATION

· We wanted to remind you that season tickets, away game tickets and parking passes are all mailed separately. Season tickets and parking passes are shipped by Fed Ex and require a signature for delivery. Away game tickets will be sent through regular mail.

· At this time the shipping date for season tickets and parking passes has not been determined. To get up to the date information about the season tickets go to utsports.com and check out the ticket page. The date that will- call tickets are available for pick up will also be posted on the website.

· Any additional football tickets will be available Monday, August 6. To order, call the UT ticket office at (865) 656-1200.

MARKETING NEWS . . .

Below is a list of our Jr. Vol members whom have a birthday during the month of July. We would like to extend a Big Orange Happy Birthday to each and everyone of them.

BIRTHDATE	NAME (FIRST & LAST)
07/02/1995	Austin Douglas
07/02/1996	Will Ponder
07/06/1995	Tyler Swafford
07/08/1993	Jacquelin Gregory
07/11/1993	Matthew Mason
07/13/1995	Tyler Brown
07/17/1996	Ross Clark
07/17/1997	Payton Dupree
07/18/1994	Gage Beeler
07/19/1995	Logan Jenkins
07/20/1990	Lauren Holben
07/22/1995	Nicholas Natour
07/23/1990	Jake Johnson
07/23/2000	Morgan Bell
07/28/1987	Jay Sasso
07/28/1990	Brandon Holloway
07/28/1995	Ethan Waller

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A LOOK BACK AT THE LADY VOLS IN 2000-01. . .

TENNIS SETS SCHOOL RECORD

2000-2001 CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR

Coach Mike Patrick and Sonia-Hahn Patrick were named Southeast and national Co-Coaches of the Year by Wilson/ITA and 2001 SEC Co-Coaches of the Year. Their squad finished with a school record 25-4 record.

NETTERS COMPLETE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The University of Tennessee Lady Volunteer tennis team fell in a hard-fought 3-4 decision to the University of Washington Huskies in the round of 16 of the 2001 NCAA Women's Tennis Tournament on Thursday in Stone Mountain, Ga. The Lady Vols are one of only seven teams to make it to every round of 16 since the tournament expanded to 64 teams, however they are yet to in a match in there.

"It was a hard fought match on both sides," said co-head coach Mike Patrick. "We have had tight matches all year, you aren't going o win them all. This is especially hard to take because we have never been on this side of a tight score."

They reached the finals of the SEC Tournament where they matched up with Georgia, where the Lady Volunteer tennis team fell in the championship match in a 4-1 decision at the A.J. Pitts Tennis Center in Starkville, Miss.

Overall the Orange and White finish the 2001 season with a 25-4 record and remain the winningest tennis team in Lady Vol history.

Co-head coaches Mike Patrick and Sonia Hahn-Patrick were named Southeastern Conference and Southeast Region co-head coaches of the year as they led the squad to the most wins in a single season.

University of Tennessee co-head women's tennis coaches Mike Patrick and Sonia Hahn-Patrick added two more accolades to the 2001 Lady Vol tennis team's trophy case this weekend when the pair was recognized as Southeast Region Co-Coaches of the Year, an award which made them candi-

Junior Alison Ojeda earned All-America status with her finish in the NCAA Individual Tournament.

dates for the national honor. In a banquet on Sunday in Stone Mountain, Ga. the coaching tandem was named the Wilson/ITA National Co-Coaches of the Year.

The pair was also tabbed the 2001 SEC Co-Coaches of the Year after guiding the Lady Vols to their most successful year to date. The 2001 squad advanced to the round of 16 of the NCAA Championships before falling to Washington, 4-3, to conclude their season. The Orange and White notched a 25-4 overall record, making them the winningest women's tennis team in Lady Vol history and tied the 1981-82 squad for the most wins in a single season.

"We have to thank the team for working so hard." Mike Patrick said. "Really this award is all of ours, the team's, the athletic department's, mine and Sonia's."

Junior Alison Ojeda was awarded the 2001 Southeast Regional ITA Cissie Leary Sportsmanship Award. This award is presented to an individual who displays inspiring commitment to her team, which has enhanced her team's performance and exemplified the spirit of college tennis. Ojeda also earned the 2001 SEC Sportsmanship Award for the third consecutive year.

"To me this award is not about tennis," Ojeda said. "This honors the people that raised me: my parents, family and past coaches, to become the player that I am. I'm excited to be able to represent them and the University of Tennessee every time I go out on the court."

SUMMITT'S SQUAD FALLS SHORT OF SEASON'S GOAL BUT ACCOMPLISHED MUCH ALONG THE WAY

The 2000-2001 Lady Vol basketball team will be remembered for playing with the "Heart of a Champion," as they overcame adversity, something foreign to a Pat Summitt squad to reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

In the final season for the schools top-ranked recruiting class from four years ago, the Lady Vols ran off another 30+ win season (32-3) losing only to UConn in Hartford, Conn., 81-76. But gained a measure of revenge with a 92-88 triumph in front of 24,046 fans at Thompson-Boling Arena.

But the ladies in Orange and White had many highs, such as the Michelle Snow and the first dunk by a Lady Vol in school history in the Maui Women's Tournament (Nov. 25) and again against Vanderbilt in Nashville (Jan. 23), and then the low of losing All-America forward and fan favorite Tamika Catchings for the remainder of the season against Mississippi State (Jan. 15) in a 66-59 win.

Despite the loss of Catchings the Lady Vols continued to roll to their fifth perfect SEC regular season campaign at 14-0.

The ladies then traveled to Memphis to try and capture another SEC Tournament title in The Pyramid. After dumping Alabama by 30 points the Lady Vols were stunned by Vanderbilt 77-74, after leading by as many as 13 points in the first half.

The NCAA Tournament gave the Lady Vols no time to rest as Austin Peay, Texas and St. Mary's arrived in Knoxville looking to advance.

After dusting off Austin Peay 80-38 Tennessee faced upstart St. Mary's, whom had knocked off Texas, and opened the first five minutes of the contest leading 13-8. Tennessee would rally and stave off numerous Gael runs to win 92-75, in a game that was much closer than the score indicates.

Tennessee then faced Xavier where the Mountaineers knocked off Tennessee in a stunner 80-65, making it the earliest exit for a Lady Vol squad from the NCAA Tournament since 1994 when they lost to Louisiana Tech.

But the year was not a disappointment by any means as several members received post season honors as well as other highlights.

Catchings was named to the USBWA and Kodak All-America team and was selected as the overall third pick in the WNBA Draft by the Indiana Fever. Semeka Randall was named game MVP of the WBCA All-Star game and was chosen with the 17th overall pick by the Seattle Storm. Fellow teammate Kristen Clement completed her career with a fourth round selection by the defending WNBA champion Houston Comets.

Chamique Holdsclaw returned to Knoxville for a special honor as her No. 23 jersey was retired, a first for a Lady Vol basketball player.

Fifth-year senior Kyra Elzy graduated and landed an assistant coaching position at Virginia Tech.

Assistant Coach Holly Warlick was honored by being enshrined into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville June 9. Coach Summitt paid special tribute to Coach Warlick by establishing a scholarship endowment in Warlick's name.

Then there is Coach Summitt, the six-time national champion coach was inducted Oct. 13th, along with a class of former coaches, players and contributors including current Indiana Pacers coach Isiah Thomas and former Kentucky Athletics Director C.M. Newton.

Summitt, who was recently named the Naismith Coach of the Century, and is one of only two women's coaches to have won more

Kara Lawson returns for her junior campaign after spending the summer on the USA National team. Lawson is expected to be selected pre-season All-America. Donnell Field photo.

Junior Young-A Yang was a major force on the course, leading the Lady Vols to another NCAA Tournament appearance.

than 700 games in her coaching career and became only the fourth women's coach inducted.

LADY VOL GOLF

Fresh off a season that saw the Lady Vol golf team record a program-best fifth-place finish at the 2000 NCAA Championships, head coach Judi Pavon looked to build upon that momentum as she headed into her first full year at the helm. Pavon also had the knowledge that returning to lead the charge were two-time All-American junior Young-A Yang, junior Tina Schneeberger and sophomore Erin Simmons, all of whom were vital elements in the 2000 NCAA run. Senior Anna Umemura, junior Carrie Cole and highly-touted freshman Tai Perry were called upon to fill the void left by the departures of senior Stacey Bergman and freshman Rosanna Zernatto.

When the initial rankings came out at the beginning of September, the team felt that they had been slighted when they were tabbed #12 in the MasterCard ratings and #13 in the preseason Golfweek rankings.

With several great rounds at the Mercedes-Benz Classic, The Franklin Street Trust Tar Heel Invitational and several other venues, the Lady Vols took to the course in New Orleans, La., at the Green Wave Women's Classic seeking its first tournament title since 1997. Leading the event from start to finish, the Lady Vols finished with a total of 921, 21 strokes ahead of the nearest competitor, SEC rival Vanderbilt. The win was the first for the Orange and White since they won the 1997 Duke Spring Invitational and matched the largest margin of victory in school history when they defeated Lamar by 21 strokes at the 1994 Memphis Women's Intercollegiate.

Watching her teammate Schneeberger pick up her first title was all the inspiration that Yang needed to recover from her injury as she and the team traveled to Austin, Texas, for the Betsy Rawls Intercollegiate. Yang was able to pick up the first individual title of her career by coming from behind to win with a three-day total of 2-over 218. The first-place finish was Yang's second straight and fourth top-three finish in the last four events. While Yang was busy winning her first tournament, the rest of her teammates found themselves atop the leaderboard for the second straight week. Tennessee fired rounds of 305-295-299 for a total of 899 to come from behind on the third day and take a five-stroke win over Texas Christian and Texas.

The back-to-back titles marked the first time since the 1996-97 season, when the Orange and White claimed victory at three different events, that a UT team had won at least two events in the same year. The consecutive individual medalist honors was the first time the feat had been performed in school history, but not the first time two different UT golfers had taken home first-place honors as Katharina Larsson and Abby Pearson accomplished the feat back during the 1991-92 season.

Now that the regular season was out of the way, the Lady Vols' postseason journey started at the 2001 SEC Championships in Gainesville, Fla. The Lady Vols again struggled in the first round, firing a 302, but roared back the second day with a 293. The third day saw a duplication of their round one score and the Orange and White finished a disappointing sixth with a total of 897.

Based upon their finish at the SEC's, the Lady Vols dropped to fourth in the district rankings. Although they were still ranked seventh in the country, Tennessee was shipped out west for the NCAA Regional. The West Regional took place in Corvallis, Ore., on the Trysting Tree Golf Course, which would also be the site for the men's regional a week later. Whether it was nerves or the rough, the five members picked the wrong day to record their highest round all season when they shot a 318 to fall to 11th place and miss out on their return trip to the NCAA Championships.

There was a silver lining to the grey cloud that hung over the players on their journey back to Knoxville, as Yang was able to qualify as an individual based upon her ninth-place finish. Her performance also earned her a spot on the all-region team.

Already named first-team All-SEC and All-West Regional, Yang continued to rake in the awards once the season was completed. She became the third Lady Vol golfer in school history to be chosen a three-time All-American and was the first UT golfer to be named to the first team. Yang was also selected to the National Golf Coaches Association Academic All-American team along with Schneeberger. To cap it off, she was named Lady Vol Athlete of the Year and finished the season ranked fourth in the MasterCard ratings and fifth in the GolfWeek/Sagarin rankings.

Although the season had a disappointing end for the Lady Vols, Pavon's charges did set new school records for 18 holes (287), 36 holes (587) and 54 holes (885). The Orange and White also saw the squad bring home two tournament titles and their first-ever first-team All-American. Tennessee also finished the season ranked eighth by MasterCard and 10th by GolfWeek. Unfortunately, the only thing most of these players will remember though is the bitter taste left in their mouths after walking off the 18th green in Oregon realizing that their mission to return to the NCAA Championships went unfulfilled. With most of the team return-

Senior Kelly Berrall helped the soccer program to 12-8 overall and 7-2 in SEC play.

ing for next year and the addition Jessica Shepley, a Polo Junior Golf All-American, the Orange and White will look to cap off their 10th season by bringing home the 2002 NCAA title.

SOCCER TEAM BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

A new era for the University of Tennessee women's soccer program was ushered in on Jan. 4, 2000, as Angela Kelly was promoted to become the second head coach in school history. Projected to finish 12th among the Southeastern Conference programs in the preseason poll, Kelly's initial campaign at the helm may have exceeded everyone's expectations - except for the Lady Vol players and coaches.

The Orange and White advanced to the SEC Tournament with its best league record (7-2) and finish (second overall) in school history and made a rapid ascent within the Central Regional Rankings issued by the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) and *Soccer Buzz Magazine.* To achieve such immediate success, Kelly and her staff were able to integrate 13 newcomers, led by SEC Freshman of the Year Rhian Wilkinson, with a strong foundation of seven seniors, spearheaded by First Team All-SEC selection and All-Central Region performer Kelly Berrall.

The Lady Vols scratched out their first win over Vanderbilt in five tries as they were completing one of their most successful seasons going into the season finale.

In its final regular-season contest at the UT Soccer Complex on Oct. 29, Tennessee again went down to the wire, this time versus Big Ten foe Northwestern. For the second straight outing, a late goal by freshman standout Wilkinson proved to be the difference, as the Orange edged the Wildcats, 3-2. Wilkinson's effort helped UT match its standard of 12 victories in a season established in 1998.

The Lady Vols' triumphant season came to an unfulfilling end at the SEC Tournament on Nov. 2 in Athens, Ga., as third-seeded Tennessee came up short against sixth-seeded Vanderbilt, 2-0. The defeat marked the fourth straight occasion that UT had been blanked at the event, but left the players hungry for the 2001 tourney in Baton Rouge, La.

Wilkinson was rewarded for her phenomenal campaign by earning the SEC's Freshman of the Year recognition. The first-year standout was also one of three rookies picked Second Team All-SEC and made Third Team All-Central from the NSCAA. The forward paced the Orange's offensive attack in every category: shots (83), points (33), goals (12), assists (nine) and game-winning goals (four). Other postseason honors for the crafty Canadian included being named a Second Team Freshman All-America from *Soccer Buzz Magazine*, as well as Second Team All-Central Region and All-Freshman Central Region by the publication.

During her final season at UT, Berrall elevated the level of her play even higher for the Orange and White. A First Team All-SEC choice and Second Team All-Central selection by the NSCAA and *Soccer Buzz Magazine*, she notched a career-high 16 points on four goals and eight assists, including 13 points on four goals and five helpers in SEC play. She was chosen as the Team MVP and became the first Lady Vol to try out for the WUSA, the new women's professional soccer league.

Away from the pitch, Tennessee placed eight student-athletes on the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Included in this group were seniors Kelly Berrall, Rachael Newkirk, Laura Lauter Smith and Lisa Tipton, juniors Ellen Dean, Sharon Holmes and Kim Sgarlata and sophomore Cameron Conway.

After reeling in the most talented recruiting class in school history, a top 10 group according to *Soccer Buzz Magazine*, the future for the Lady Vols is brimming with potential. With hopes of securing the program's first NCAA berth, Kelly has put together the most ambitious schedule that the program has ever faced. In 2001, UT will meet six squads that reached the 2000 NCAA Tournament, including 16-time national champion North Carolina and runner-up UCLA, while three other clubs, Brigham Young, Florida and Southern California, finished in the final NSCAA poll. The Lady Vols return 13 letterwinners and six starters and will welcome nine newcomers into the fold.

Juniors Ariana Wilson and Erica Lear made the 2000 All-AVCA Team after leading their team to a 23-10 mark.

VOLLEYBALL REACHES NCAA TOURNAMENT

The seeds for Tennessee's 2000 volleyball season were planted well before the millennial year dawned. The starting point came on a dismal November evening as the Lady Vols returned from the Thanksgiving holiday early to anticipate an at-large selection to the 1999 NCAA Tournament. That bid would never come and out of the heartbreak of Nov. 28, 1999, a new dedication and commitment to the 2000 season was born.

It was a commitment that stayed with head coach Rob Patrick's squad throughout spring workouts. That same sense of purpose also brought the team back to campus early for summer school and conditioning. That hard work translated into a close-knit, focused group once preseason sessions started in August.

With four freshmen vying for playing time on a team that had lost just one starter from the year before, the experienced sophomores and juniors were pushed every step of the way. From that battle for starting positions came four juniors, one sophomore and one freshman getting Patrick's nod to start in the opener.

The fourth-seeded Lady Vols drew No. 5 seed Arkansas in the first round. Wilson keyed UT's attack and led her team to a dominating 3-0 triumph in the opening round with 16 kills and five blocks. The victory also marked Patrick's 75th career win.

In four years at the helm of the Lady Vols, Patrick's teams had never lost in the first round, however, he never had a squad advance beyond the semifinals. Next up for the Lady Vols was defending SEC champion No. 10 Florida, as UT met the Gators for the third consecutive year in the SEC tournament.

Once again, UT came up short against the Gators, 3-0, and UF would go on to defeat LSU to claim the title.

With a week of down-time before the NCAA selection show, Tennessee returned to the Sunshine State over Thanksgiving for the Florida Volleyball Challenge in Orlando, Fla. There, the Orange and White would meet Conference USA foes Tulane and Cincinnati before flying back to Knoxville to await their tournament fate.

Tennessee defeated Tulane, 3-1, behind Hester's 18 kills and seven blocks, while Wilson also added 16 kills to the win. The Bearcats then dealt the Lady Vols their a disheartening loss in a five-game affair. Up 2-0 at the break between games two and three, it looked as if Patrick's squad would cruise to victory and lock up an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament. However, UC rallied to win the next three games and reduced UT's chances of reaching the Big Dance.

Licking its wounds from the previous day's battle, the team once again gathered where their journey began a year before watching the NCAA Selection Show in the Lady Vol basketball locker room. This time the Big Orange were noticeably nervous and unsure of their fate. Although the team had accomplished a lot throughout the season, the success of the outing rested on whether or not the squad was tournament-bound.

As the brackets were revealed the tense mood in the Lady Vol locker room intensified as Patrick and his cast held their breath. Cincinnati, North Carolina and Houston, all bubble teams that UT had met during the year, were already in. Then came the Pacific Region and Tennessee's appearance on the screen. With a collective sigh, lots of screaming and hugs, and even some tears, the Lady Vols were in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1993.

Though it had received an at-large bid to the Pacific Region, Tennessee traveled East to Penn State University for its first round match. The Lady Vols were slated to meet the Washington State Cougars, while the host and defending NCAA champion Nittany Lions took on James Madison.

Treading on territory it had not been on in seven years, Patrick's squad suffered a stinging 3-0 loss to the Cougars to end the season. With a 23-10 record, the team still posted the most wins since 1988.

Returning to Knoxville, the entire Lady Vol community celebrated the volleyball accomplishments as the team was honored at a women's basketball game. Wilson and Lear were named to the 2000 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I All-District team for the South Region. It marked the second straight year Wilson had received the honor.

Overcoming adversity and injury, coming of age and gelling as a team, the Lady Vols achieved their goals for 2000 but look to 2001 as an opportunity to venture further into postseason play. With a solid core of veterans returning, including two-time all-district honoree Wilson and first-time recipient Lear, not to mention All-SEC performer Hester and the promising young talents of middle blocker Cuseo and defensive specialist Megan Arner, Tennessee is primed to continue its rise to national prominence.

ON A SAD NOTE: Former University of Tennessee Lady Volunteer volleyball coach Sandy Lynn, 44, died as a result of a fall while hiking near Carlsbad, N.M., April 5.

Lynn, UT's volleyball coach from 1987-90, suffered fatal head trauma after falling during a hike.

During her tenure at Tennessee, she compiled a 66-62 overall record and was named the Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in 1988 after leading the Lady Vols to a second- place SEC finish. She joined UT after serving as head coach at Illinois State from 1982-86, where she amassed a 139-67 record. A two-time All-American, Lynn graduated from Utah State where she led the Cougars to the 1978 AIAW National Volleyball Championship.

ROWING CONTINUES MARCH FOR TITLE QUEST

On a warm summer morning last August on the banks of the Tennessee River, third-year head coach Lisa Glenn had her annual gathering of the 60 or so rowers that she hoped would help push the fledgling Lady Vol program to the next level. The combination of females that stood in front of Glenn consisted of 18 returning varsity letterwinners, four outstanding freshmen recruits, and a hodgepodge of former high school athletes who were not ready to let go of their athletic careers.

Over the next month, Glenn and her assistants, Molly Manternach and Emily Hadley refined the skills of their experienced rowers while teaching and developing the rookie rowers. The three coaches hoped that the student-athletes' hard work and dedication would pay off once the season began on Oct. 7th at the Head of the Ohio in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Lady Vol rowing team finished the 2000-01 season with several landmark accomplishments. It saw its Varsity 8+ team compile a win total over 100, including securing five victories during the year. The Orange and White also opened its new $2.5 million dollar boathouse on the waters of the Tennessee River. At the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships, the Big Orange recorded a school-best third place finish.

Success was also enjoyed off the water, as 37 rowers were named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and the Varsity 4+ was named Lady Vol Athlete of the Week for the week of Nov. 6, 2000. At the end of the season, Montgomery was chosen First-Team All-South Region, while Harrington, Kueck, and Kristen Logan earned second-team recognition. Seven Lady Vols were also named National Rowing Scholar Athletes by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association for achieving a GPA higher of 3.5 and rowing in 75% of the teams' races. Among the honorees were Twedt, Bradley, Harrington, Kraiss, Kueck, Montgomery and Smith.

Having tasted success both on and off the water this past year, Glenn and her coaching staff are looking forward to seeing all those smiling but tired faces again this August when they continue toward their goal.

SOFTBALL TEAM STRUGGLES AS BEITIA RESIGNS

Coming off a frustrating 2000 season in which the Lady Vol softball team failed to reach the Southeastern Conference Tournament for the first time, head coach Jim Beitia retooled his lineup with 11 newcomers to help Tennessee turn things around. Despite several outstanding individual highlights over the course of the spring, the Orange and White found themselves saddled with an overall record of 24-35 and, at 9-20 in league play, a second straight fifth-place finish in the Eastern Division. Although UT's postseason fate was not decided until the final day of the regular season, the club missed out on the opportunity to compete for the SEC crown in Chattanooga.

The Lady Vols began their 30-game SEC schedule with a doubleheader sweep of Ole Miss on March 10 (3-1, 4-2) before falling to

UM, 4-0, in 10 innings the next day. Tennessee had never begun league play at 2-0, but saw its bid for a sweep go by the wayside on a two-out grand slam in extra innings. As usual, pitching carried the squad to the series victory, as the staff compiled a 1.18 ERA over the three games with four earned runs in 23.2 frames. Stephanie Humphrey (two hits, no earned runs) and Ellis (four hits, no earned runs) won the first two games and Borg carried a shutout into the 10th of the finale. Fletcher (.400) and Koshell (.364) registered four hits apiece to pace UT in Oxford, while senior catcher Maura Mollet was a season-best 3-for-3 in the first game. Ironically, the team's 3-1 conquest of Ole Miss in its SEC opener marked the first time since '98 that the Orange had emerged victorious in its initial league game.

Positioned at 23-33 overall, the stage was set for Tennessee to face Georgia three times at Tyson Park on May 5-6 in its final series of the regular season. Entering the weekend, the Lady Vols were ninth in the SEC standings with an 8-18 mark, while the Dawgs sported a 7-17 record in league action. With a possible SEC berth hanging in the balance for both squads, Urban held the Lady Vol offense in check for the second straight day to lift the Bulldogs to a 2-0 whitewash of Tennessee.

The duo of seniors Koshell and Radley led five Lady Vols on the SEC Academic Honor Roll announced by SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer. Torres, Stephanie Humphrey and Murray were also among the 69 student-athletes receiving that recognition. For the second straight year, however, Tennessee failed to place anyone on the first or second All-SEC teams.

Beitia made the decision to resign after six seasons on May 12. Having developed UT's softball program from its infancy, he guided the Lady Vols to a 233-163 overall record with one East title and one NCAA Regional appearance.

COACHES HIRED: University of Tennessee women's athletics director Joan Cronan announced the hiring of Karen and Ralph Weekly as co-head softball coaches on Tuesday afternoon. They will become the second head coaches since the Lady Vol softball program was established in 1995.

The Weeklys arrive in Knoxville after shaping the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's softball program into one of the top programs in the South since their arrival in 1995. The duo piloted the Lady Mocs to consecutive NCAA appearances in 2000 and 2001, the only two automatic NCAA Regional berths ever offered to the Southern Conference champion. This past season, UTC sported an overall record of 49-18 and was an impressive 4-1 against Southeastern Conference programs. The Weeklys will inherit a Lady Vol squad that finished 24-35 overall and 9-20 in league activity, missing the SEC Tournament for a second straight campaign.

Ralph has served as the Director of the USA Softball National Team since 1999 and was a member of the coaching staff that piloted the U.S. team to back-to-back gold medals at the 1996 and 2000 Summer Olympic Games. He has also been on the staff for several other international teams that captured gold medals or claimed world championships. Weekly was the head coach of the U.S. National Team that won the Pan-American Games qualifier in 1995.

SENIORS LEAD WAY TO 20th PLACE FINISH AT NCAAs

Senior Pam Hanson and freshman Kylee Wells each earned All-America honors for the University of Tennessee women's swimming and diving team on the final day of the NCAA Championships at the Nassau County Aquatic Center.

Hanson finished 10th in the 200y backstroke in both the preliminaries and finals. The La Crosse, Wis., native swam a mark of 1:57.52 in the preliminaries and then came back during the evening session to swim a school-record time of 1:57.00 in the finals. Her finals mark bested her previous school mark of 1:57.12, which was Hanson's lifetime best. In the last race of her collegiate career, Hanson earned the fourth All-America honors of her career after earning certificates in the 100y butterfly and 100y back. California's Natalie Coughlin won the overall title with a NCAA and American record time of 1:51.02.

In the diving well, Wells earned the first All-America honors of her young career as the freshman finished fifth in the platform. She scored a total of 423.55 in the finals after tallying a 418.80 in the preliminaries. Senior Lizzy Flynt, the second-place finisher at the 2000 NCAA Championships, finished 10th with a total score of 376.15. Stanford's Erin Sones won the overall crown with a score of 463.05.

In the overall team competition, the University of Tennessee finished in 20th position with a total of 58 points.

Flynt has been voted to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District IV University Fall/Winter At-Large First Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Flynt also earned Verizon Academic All-America honors. Flynt was a senior majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology with a 3.87 grade point average.

Sophomore Jaime Sanger finished fifth on the one-meter springboard as the lone University of Tennessee diver in action at the U.S. National Indoor Diving Championships at the Mabee Memorial Aquatic Center.

Sanger finished fifth in the finals of the event with a score of 263.85. She was an All-American on the one-meter this year after a third-place finish at the NCAA Championships in March. The finals capped off a long day of diving for Sanger as the quarterfinals and semifinals were held earlier in the day.

The Plymouth, Minn., native advanced to the second semifinal after finishing second with a score of 233.91 in the opening round. She then finished second in her semifinal with a score of 265.17 to be one of six divers to move on to the final round.

Sanger missed a spot on the U.S National team by nine points as the top four finishers in the one-meter competition earn that designation.

Sanger and freshman Kylee Wells were each honored on Friday by the Southeastern Conference with a pair of its annual postseason accolades, as voted on by the league head coaches.

TWO EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS

The Lady Vols did not have the final showing they were hoping for but they did have several individuals who claimed All-America honors at the NCAA nationals in Eugene, Ore.

Junior Diane Slinden earned the first honor with her seventh-place finish in the discus throw of 170 feet, eight inches, earning her first All-America honor.

Denita Miller, a freshman, became the second Lady Vol to earn All-America honors in the javelin with a toss of 148 feet, three inches which was good enough for 12th place.

After riding the season which seemed like a roller coaster ride, the Lady Vols had earned a spot in the NCAA Track and Field Championships and finished 60th. Slinden also earned a trip to the United States Track and Field Championships, also held in Eugene, where she finished 13th.

The Last Word...

BUD FORD HONORED

University of Tennessee Associate Athletics Director Harris D. (Bud) Ford will be one of three individuals inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame at the organization's annual workshop, July 4 at San Diego, Calif.

A 36-year veteran of his profession and graduate of the University of Tennessee, Ford was promoted in April 2000 to the position of Associate Athletic Director for Sports Information.

Ford began his career as a part-time employee in the Volunteers' publicity office while he completed undergraduate studies. He then pioneered the position of full-time Assistant SID at Tennessee in 1966 upon completion of his undergraduate degree in retailing. For the next 35 years he worked alongside CoSIDA Hall of Fame member Haywood Harris. In January 1988, Ford was promoted from Assistant SID to Sports Information Director and in March 1989 was named Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information.

Under Ford's direction Tennessee's media guides have received more than 30 "Best In The Nation" honors in CoSIDA competitions. Most recently, the 2000 UT football media guide was judged "Best In The Nation."

A Knoxville native, Ford has been instrumental in the efforts of the city and the university to host numerous conference and national championship events in a wide range of sports including basketball, baseball, track, cross country, swimming, tennis and golf.

Ford also has served as the President of the Southeastern Conference Sports Information Directors Association and has been a member of the Collegiate Sports Information Directors Association.

An active member of the community, Ford has served on the advisory committee of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home and as a deacon at Salem Baptist Church. He enjoys boating on the many lakes in the East Tennessee area and is a fisherman of questionable renown.

Bud Ford is the consumate professional, a stickler for details. He was the first assistant to be hired in the Sports Information Office. He has has seen many of his students over the years move up to responsible positions in Sports Information and other fields.

Ford and his wife, Sandra, have two children, Brent (23), a senior at UT, and Julie (18), a recent high school graduate.

In addition to Ford, the 2001 CoSIDA Hall of Fame Class will include Bob Cornell (Colgate) and Claude Felton (Georgia).

The CoSIDA Hall of Fame honors members who have made outstanding contributions to college sports information. It is voted by CoSIDA Hall of Fame members.

Here are some thoughts about Ford's career from longtime friend and associate Haywood Harris, taken from his column in the *Daily Times* June 1, 2001.

Bud Ford's induction into his profession's Hall of Fame reminds me that there is one word that perfectly describes UT's hard-working sports information director: thorough.

You might even say, painfully thorough.

If you are a Vols' fan - and as long as Bud is at the publicity helm - you need never worry about sufficient orange-tinted propaganda getting into the hands of the media. I offer an example of how Bud goes about his chores.

Let's imagine that the day Tennessee punter David Leaverton was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars, a writer called from The Florida Times-Union newspaper. He needed background information about Jacksonville's newest sports hero.

"Bud, send me some press clippings and a picture of Leaverton," he would instruct the Vols' chief spokesman. Ford would dutifully comb through his files, duplicate a half-dozen newspaper stories and pick out a stock photograph.

Now here is where Bud differs from his counterparts around the

country. Most of them at this point would have addressed an envelope and dispatched the requested material to the scribe waiting expectantly in Jacksonville.

Not Ford, though. The first thing he would do is add a dozen extra pictures. Give the writer a choice, he would reason.

Then he would really get creative. Since UT prides it self historically on its kicking game, he would enclose the materials documenting the school's long-standing tradition that goes back to Coach Bob Neyland's fondness for the quick kick.

A copy of Neyland's maxims would be on its way to Jacksonville, including the General's emphasis on the need for a punter with capabilities like Leaverton's. Throw in a couple of books on the science of kicking and away we go.

By the time UT's package arrived in Jacksonville, it might more nearly resemble a crate of oranges than a simple packet of press information. But that's what I mean by "painfully thorough."

As one high-ranking NCAA official described it to me this week, "You ask Bud what time it is and he tells you how they invented the clock."

He added, "But that's not what is so good about Bud. When so much of these days is so impersonal and done by computer and e-mail, the key word for Bud is service. He has never lost sight of how important personal contact is."

It's that attitude toward everything Bud undertakes that has made him over a period of 35 years one of the most respected men in his profession.

And that's the reason his induction into the publicity directors Hall of Fame at a July 4 luncheon will be cheered far and wide by the media he serves. They know Bud Ford gives what they need. (And, sometimes, a whole lot more.)

It's a totally deserved honor for Ford, who there days labors under the title "Associate Athletics Director-Media Relations." If you'll pardon a personal note, I've worked with Bud all these years and know him as a supremely conscientious employee who carries out his duties without fear or favor.

FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENTARY: You can learn a lot about people just by observing. Where Bud Ford is concerned, the key part of the whole deal is doing the job exactly the right way, whether it be at Neyland Stadium, Thompson-Boling Arena, any of the other venues where the Vols play or in the friendly confines of our office complex here in Stokely Athletic Center.

I have had a number of intriguing experiences in this office and with Bud specifically.

Bud is never reluctant to share his opinions with any of us, and, more often than not, he's right. That's what being in this business for all these years is all about. You can't teach experience. He's seen it all.

Bud has a fistful of basketball stories from his years on the road with the Vols, from the time he called Kermit Davis to get into the Mississippi State gym on New Year's Eve in 1970 to traveling with Ray Mears, Bernie and Ernie in the mid 1970s. You can't mention the word "cauliflower' in front of Bud without hearing a story about the firestorm King engendered by ordering that otherwise distasteful vegetable in a fancy New York eatery.

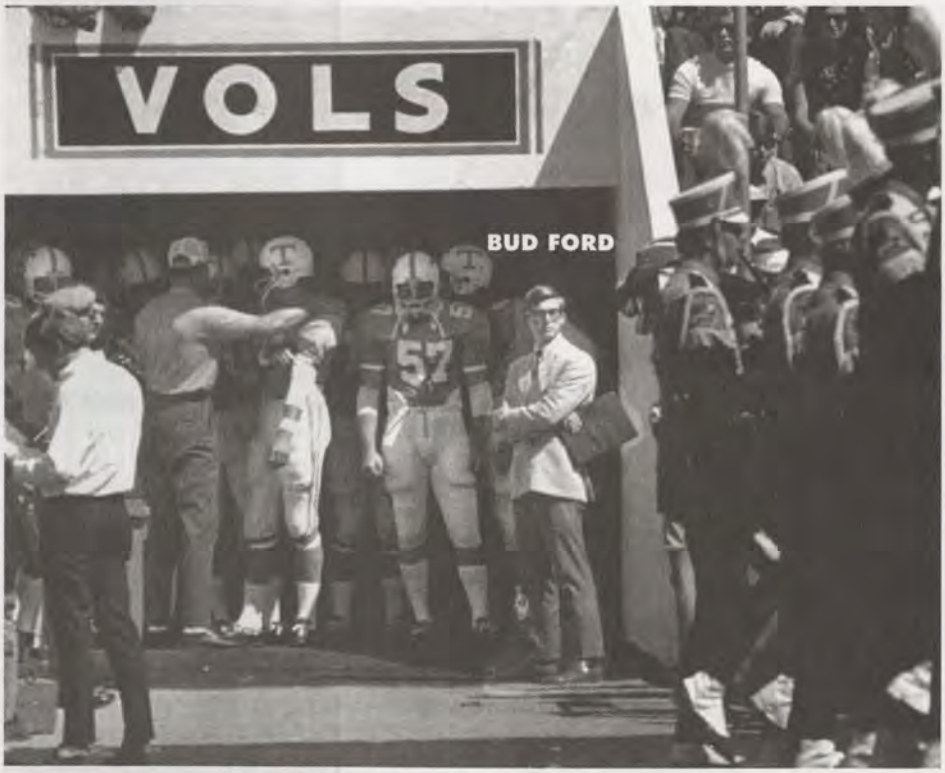
He was there at such long-lost arenas as the Quonset Hut in Auburn, Woodruff Hall in Athens, Alligator Alley in Gainesville, Parker Agricutural Center in Baton Rouge, Memorial Coliseum in Lexington and many others.

He kept the basketball scorebook on the road for many years and defended Tennessee's hoops interests with the zeal of an Elmer Gantry. That seemingly-simple task occasionally got complicated and controversial, but we'll leave it at that. Suffice it to say he did that part of his job quite well.

When the history of the UTAD is written, Bud Ford's name will find itself somewhere near the the top. He might complain about it, because he's always been a behind-the-scenes guy, but he'll deserve it anyway.

Those of us who have worked with him over the years will make sure he gets the credit he rightly deserves.

The award from CoSIDA is a first step in the right direction.



Winston F. Dickey, of Creative Improvement Specialists, poses for a photo with Smokey VIII during the Oakes Daylilies Festival in Corryton, Tenn. Oakes Daylilies has a six acre display garden with over 2000 varities of Daylilies, including two unique to East Tennessee and created by the folks at Oakes Daylilies, which are the Red Volunteer and Orange Vols. For more information on the Oakes Daylilies call 800-532-9545 or visit them on the web at www.oakesdaylilies.com.

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